

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

Masashi MITOMO, et al.

Serial No. 10/087,807

Group Art Unit: 2142

Confirmation No. 5215

Filed: March 5, 2002

Examiner: Benjamin A. Ailes

For: FILTERING APPARATUS, FILTERING METHOD AND COMPUTER PROGRAM  
PRODUCT FOR ESTIMATING THE LEGALITY OF AN ACCESS REQUEST (as  
Amended)

**SUBMISSION WITH REQUEST FOR A CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action mailed December 19, 2006, and having a period for response set to expire on March 19, 2007. A Petition for a three-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to June 19, 2007.

Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.